

JOHN ALEXANDER,  
Marlinton, W. Va.

## Bears Wanted

Jacksons Mill, Weston, W. Va.,  
March 12, 1927

Mr. Andrew Price.

Marlinton, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Price:

We are very anxious to have a pair of cub bears at the State Four-H Camp at Jacksons Mills this summer. If you can in any way direct me to where we can get some, or get some for us we will greatly appreciate it. We want them small, but with their eyes open, good healthy cubs, and from such a point that we can get them to Camp in good shape. We are willing to pay something for them but want to avoid any exorbitant price.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Kendrick, Assistant  
Director, In Charge Four-H Clubs.

## Real-estate Bargains

**Time**

**LA: JANUARY 27 1927**

## **CHURCH NOTES**

**N PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**9:45**

**teaching by Dr. J. E. ...**

**You**

## FELLOW HOME

Elkins, W. Va.

January 12, 1927,

Friend and Friends:

I hope your kindness of  
a Christmas gift on  
my. I was very pleased  
to learn who it was  
and how you have been won-  
der I got it or not, so I  
could drop you a letter of

be a man of twenty-one,  
to join the Lodge that  
is a member of. Then I  
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No. 313. I hope to  
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ld Fellows Lodge just  
be now. I just think  
the children here would  
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the Lodge of 313. This  
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## BEARS BY WHOLESALE

L. A. Galford, of Durbin, sends in  
the following letter about the killing  
of the seven bears near Durbin dur-  
ing the months of November and  
and December, 1926:

Editor Times.

Last fall about the first of Novem-  
ber, Hayes Hamrick, of Webster  
Springs, came to the mountains  
round about Durbin and built five  
bear pens. These pens were baited  
with beef.

The first bear caught was a small  
one. It went in on the side of the  
pen, and the lid fell on it and killed  
it. However, the pen was visited  
the next day, and the meat was not  
spoiled.

The next bear caught was a male  
bear. It weighed 223 pounds dress-  
ed, and was very fat.

The third bear we caught was a  
female that dressed 204 pounds. It  
was the fattest bear I have ever seen.

Then about that time Kemp Meeks  
came to my place from his home at  
Stony Bottom. He had a bad case  
of bear fever. I saw that nothing  
but a bear hunt would cure him. So  
Hayes and Kemp and I went up to  
May to camp and hunt.

There were a party of hunters at  
May, who had been hunting bear for  
thirty days but had gotten none.  
They were going home the day we  
started to hunt. They laughingly  
said if you kill one before the train  
runs, bring it in and we will buy it  
from you. We did kill one before



one of the first May, but did not get in before the hunters left.

Starting on the hunt we traveled north from May about three miles along the east face of Shafer Mountain. We tracked eight bear that had come out to feed and then gone back in the jungles. About noon we came on the tracks of a bear that had got up fresh and was headed for the East side. We followed. On top of the mountain the bear came on to our sign made earlier in the day, and he turned back and went in a laurel thicket.

I told Hayes and Kemp to take stands and I would route him out. I followed him. He went into the worst part of the thicket he could find and laid down. In going in I had to crawl. I heard him get up, and I tore through the laurel as fast as I could go and I was soon out of the worst part. Just then I heard the keen report of Meeks' and Hambrick's rifles. Kemp fired three shots and Hayes two. Then I heard a warwhoop that would have made

close. When I arrived a war dance was had around the bear, which was dead before we got to him. Hayes hit him with both shots. Kemp scored two hits out of three. We realized we were a long ways from camp and supper. We started with the bear. About half way to camp we stopped and dressed the bear and hung him up until the next morning.

It was after dark when we got into camp, tired but happy. Next morning we carried the bear into May, and Kemp took the afternoon train for Stony Bottom, taking the bear with him. This bear weighed 210 pounds dressed.

The next bear we caught was a male bear and an old one. We shipped him to Clarksburg. I have not heard how much he weighed. He had both ears slit open and a scar across his nose. He was gray around the mouth, showing him to be old.

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The next bears caught were an old mother bear and her cub in the same pen. The old bear was alive but the cub was dead, caught by the neck.

Thus ended our bear hunting operations for the winter, but we hope to get a few more next spring. If the farmers would go after the bears in earnest like Mr. Underwood and his neighbors on Beaver Creek did, and stay until the bears were dead, we would soon be rid of the bears which are such a pest to the sheep raisers.

L. A. Galford.

Durbin, W. Va.

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## BASKET BALL

Our Marlinton Independent Basket Ball team met defeat at the hands of the crack Greenbank team last Sat-



secured enrollment cards, do so at  
once and get the literature.

J. H. Miller, Co. Agent

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Boyd Rexrode was carrying a gun  
loaded with number 5 bird shot on a  
road on Greenbrier River above  
Thornwood. He looked around and  
saw a three year old black bear with-  
in a few feet of him and thereupon  
he fired the load of bird shot at the  
bear, and shot it through the heart  
and killed it. It was a good big bear  
He had the hide at the courthouse  
Monday to prove the bounty.

zenby, Mrs S. R. Neel, and Miss  
Priscilla Collins.

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Col. R. I. Walkup, of Renick, saw  
a big bear on Cold Knob last week.  
He was driving a flock of sheep along  
a grassy road. The bear came with-  
in sixty steps of him and was in  
sight for a long distance. It appear-  
ed to be coming from the chestnut  
woods on the Williamsburg side and  
headed towards the fastnesses of  
Laurel creek. No gun. Sheep and  
dog went to coyer in woods on side of  
road.

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in a generation. At Mill Gap and  
McDowell, in Highland county,  
bridges were washed away. At Hot  
Springs, in Bath county, great dam-  
age was done to bridges, sidewalks  
and roads.

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A bear hunt is in progress on the  
Alleghenies today, Wednesday. Dick  
Smith, Reid Moore, the Gibsons are  
with their bear dogs. Monday after-  
noon the word came that a big bear  
had killed sheep Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday nights near  
the Ryder Gap.

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